AP US History

Chapter 15 Study Guide – Secession and the Civil War

***Chapter Summary***

The American Civil War (1861 - 1865) was one of the most violent times in the History of the United States. More than 600,000 men gave their lives for their country in this brutal war. Eleven [Southern](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_United_States) [slave states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slave_state) declared their [secession](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secession) from the United States and formed the [Confederate States of America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confederate_States_of_America), also known as "the Confederacy." Led by [Jefferson Davis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson_Davis), the Confederacy fought against the United States (the [Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_(American_Civil_War))), which was supported by all the [free states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_state_(United_States)) (where slavery had been abolished) and by five slave states that became known as the [border states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Border_states_(American_Civil_War)). In the end the United States learned a valuable lesson about herself and government. Victory for the North meant the end of the Confederacy and of [slavery in the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavery_in_the_United_States), and strengthened the role of the federal government.

**The Emergence of Lincoln**

1. The Civil War put on trial
   1. What was the larger question about the secession of the Deep South?

**The Storm Gathers**

1. The Deep South Secedes
   1. Explain what is meant by the term “cooperationists”?
   2. Who became provisional president of the South?
   3. What did the South really want by succession?
2. The Failure of Compromise
   1. What was the Crittenden Compromise?
   2. How did Lincoln feel about the idea of backing down to secessionists?
3. And the War Came
   1. Why did people from the North change their mind about going to war?
   2. What motive did Lincoln have in not giving up Fort Sumter?

**Adjusting to Total War**

1. Prospects, Plans, and Expectations
   1. List the advantages the North and South held at the start of the war.

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1. What was the two-prong strategy of the North?
2. What was the strategy of the South?
3. Mobilizing the Home Front
   1. How did Lincoln deal with manpower shortages?
   2. Why did the North have an advantage over the South when is came to production for the war?
   3. Why did the North have an advantage over the South when it came to production of food?
   4. What was a greenback?
4. Political Leadership: Northern Success and Southern Failure
   1. List the ways that Lincoln showed unprecedented government authority?
   2. How was Jefferson Davis a poor leader?
5. Early Campaigns and Battles
   1. How did the war go for the Union army in the beginning?
   2. How was the war going for the North in the east compared to the west?
   3. What was general McClellan’s major flaw as a leader according to Lincoln?
6. Diplomatic Struggle
   1. Where did the South try and gain support?
   2. Why was the South unable to get support overseas?

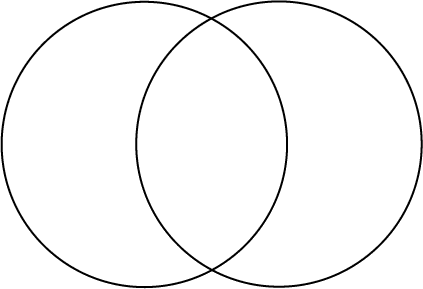
**Fight to the Finish**

1. The Coming of Emancipation
   1. Why was Lincoln hesitant at first to emancipate Southern slaves?
   2. What did the Emancipation Proclamation claim to do January 1, 1863?
2. African Americans and the War
   1. What was the most celebrated all black regiment during the war?
3. The Tide Turns
   1. What were some of the hardships that were occurring in the South and the North?
   2. Why did the New York riot occur July 1863?
   3. Who were known as “Copperheads”?
4. Last Stages of the Conflict
   1. Look at the map on page 442, in what region were most of the battles fought?
   2. What changed the political outlook in the election of 1864?
   3. Where did Lee finally surrender his forces?

**Effects of the War**

1. Compare and Contrast women’s changing roles during and after the war between the North and South?

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* 1. What did the war definitely decide?